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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

After consultations of the Council held on 8 April 1993, the President of the Security Council made the following statement to the media on behalf of the members of the Council in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina":

"The members of the Security Council express their concern at the report of the International Committee of the Red Cross, according to which 17 detainees lost their lives on 26 March 1993 in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, when the vehicle transporting them from the Batkovic Camp (under the control of Serb forces) for work at the front was ambushed.

"The members of the Council, recalling all the relevant resolutions and statements of the Council, remind all the parties that they are responsible at all times for the detainees' safety and that they must not compel detainees to do work of a military nature or destined to serve a military purpose. The ICRC had already repeatedly called on all parties to the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina strictly to observe the provisions of international humanitarian law.

"The members of the Council condemn all violations of the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions, which the parties have undertaken to respect, and reaffirm once again that those who commit or order the commission of such acts will be held personally responsible.

"The members of the Council request the Commission of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992) to carry out an investigation of these abominable practices and to make a report."

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